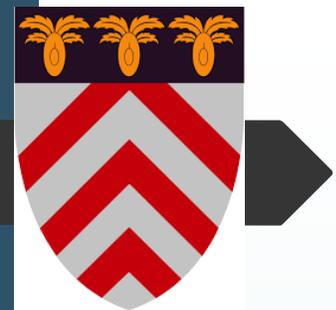


# GCSE DRAMA



GCSE Drama is a course for those who love to perform devised and scripted plays in front of an audience.

This course challenges you as an Actor, Director and Designer. On this course you will learn:

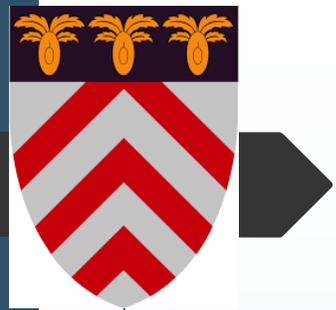
- How to **create** an original piece of theatre
- How to **research** and **create** character
- How to **perform** script to a professional standard
- How to **direct** actors
- How to **evaluate** a performance

**Component 1 – Understanding Drama. This component comprises 40% of your GCSE. Assessment: 1 hour 45 minute written exam at the end of Year 11 on:**

- The roles within the Theatre Industry;
- A set text from the perspective of an Actor, Designer and Director
- A Live Recorded Theatre Performance

- **Component 2 – Devising Drama. This unit comprises 40% of your GCSE. Assessment: A mark out of 20 for your acting and a mark out of 60 for your coursework.** In this unit, you will work in a group to create and perform an original piece of Theatre, using ideas from a stimulus. You will also create coursework based on the performance you have created and performed.

- **Component 3 – Text Performance. This unit comprises 20% of your GCSE. Assessment: You will learn lines, create a character and perform 2 scripted extracts from a play, which is marked by a visiting examiner.** In this unit, you may work on your own or in a group to perform the script. Your Teacher will work with you to help you do this.



# GCSE DRAMA: Frequently asked questions

## Do I have to perform in front of others?

Yes, when you have created a performance, it needs to be assessed in front of an audience, and filmed for moderation purposes.

## Is there a lot of writing involved?

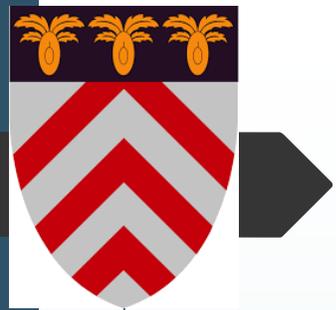
There is one piece of coursework, which is for component 2: Devising Drama. This work is divided into 3 sections. There is a written exam (component 1: Understanding Drama), which will require you to write essay-style questions in detail.

## Can I choose who I work with?

Your Teacher wants to help you succeed. On some occasions you will be able to choose who you work with and other times your Teacher will choose.

## Why is Drama a good Option to choose?

It is a practical subject, which compliments English, History, Art, Dance and Music. It will help your presenting skills, by developing your confidence, as well as team working, communication and analytical skills.



# GCSE DRAMA: Student Feedback

## Why choose GCSE Drama?

There are a lot of academic subjects you have to study, sitting at a desk; Drama is a practical subject, allowing you to express yourself and develop your confidence at the same time.

## What is the most interesting thing about the course?

Having the freedom to create your own performance, based on a style you are interested in, using characters and techniques which you have chosen. You are in creative control and have ownership over your play. This is an exciting and empowering challenge.

## What do you like about the subject?

You learn about Drama not just as an Actor, but you understand how to direct a piece of Drama, as well as understand how the technical and design elements such as costume, lighting and sound contribute to the overall impact of the piece on the audience.